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Mr. T. S. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—"May I know if the Government have considered the desirability of appointing a marketing board?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"I should like to have notice of the question."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know what is the nature of the scheme of marketing groundnuts grown in South Arcot?"

Mr. T. S. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—"May I ask whether the Government will not consider the desirability of appointing a marketing board which will have the effect of getting better prices for paddy?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"I believe, Sir, the matter is under consideration."

Diwan Bahadur M. GOPALASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"Will the Government consider the question of appointing a board for the Ceded districts?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"Not for any particular locality but for the whole province."

Price of paddy.

* 355 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the current price of paddy is in each district; what was the price in each district in March 1933; and

(*b*) what steps have been taken by the Government to bring about better prices for paddy?

A.—(*a*) A statement* showing the prices of paddy first and second sort in March 1933 and in September 1933 (the latest month for which prices for all weeks are available) is annexed.

(*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to question No. 354.

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—"May I ask if the Government have noted the fall of the price for paddy?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"Yes, Sir."

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—"Will the hon. Member be pleased to say what steps the Government are taking to improve the price of paddy?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"I must ask for notice of the question."

* Printed as Appendix VI on page 619 infra.